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Sir:

Applicants submit this communication, together with a Request for Continued Examination, in response to the final Office action mailed 6 October 2006. This communication is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Office action and, therefore, an extension of time is not required.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.